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SUBJ: PEKING PRESS EXPOSES "EARTHQUAKE FACTION" MEMBERS

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1. SUMMARY. A THIRD LIBERATION ARMY DAILY ARTICLE EXPOSING THE CHARACTERISTICS AND MODUS OPERANDI OF BAD ELEMENTS STILL ON THE SCENE APPEARED IN THE JANUARY 15 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND KUANGMING DAILY. CONTRIBUTED BY PSEUDONYMOUS AUTHOR SHANG KUNG, WHO LAST JULY WROTE A PIECE EFFUSIVELY PRAISING PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING FOR HIS "GIGANTIC CONTRIBUTIONS" TO THE CHINESE REVOLUTION (REF C), THIS ARTICLE EXPOSES AND CASTIGATES THOSE WHO CREATE "EARTHQUAKES": THAT IS, WHO ATTACK TOP LEADERS, "TAKE DISORDER AS THE KEY LINK," BAND TOGETHER IN FACTIONS TO CARRY OUT THEIR CONSPIRACIES, AND BILL THEMSELVES AS THE MOST "LEFT" AND THE MOST "REVOLUTIONARY". THE ARTICLE EXPLICITLY LINKS SUCH PERSONS WITH THE "SLIPPERY FACTION" TYPES ATTACKED IN THE SECOND ARTICLE IN THE SERIES, WARNING THAT

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IF ONE PERMITS THE "EARTHQUAKE FACTION" PERSONAGES TO CONCEAL THEMSELVES WITHOUT UNDERGOING EXPOSURE AND CRITICISM THEY WILL "SLIP AWAY" AND AWAIT ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE POLITICAL TREMORS. THE ARTICLE SINGLES OUT BY NAME MA TIEN-SHUI, YU HUI-YUNG, CHIH CHUN, CHANG TIEH-SHENG, WENG SEN-HO, AND CHEN A-TA -- WHOSE MISDEEDS ARE GETTING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN INTERNAL PARTY DOCUMENTS NOW UNDER

STUDY -- AS EXAMPLES OF THE "EARTHQUAKE FACTION." END SUMMARY.

2. HAVING EXPOSED MEMBERS OF THE "SHIFTING WITH THE WINDS FACTION" AND THE "SLIPPERY FACTION" IN EARLY JANUARY ARTICLES, THE PEKING PRESS HAS NOW PUBLISHED A THIRD ARTICLE AIMED AT A SO-CALLED "EARTHQUAKE FACTION." ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY LIKE THE OTHER ARTICLES, THIS ONE APPEARED IN BOTH THE PEOPLE'S DAILY (PAGE TWO) AND KUANGMING DAILY (PAGE ONE) ON JANUARY 15.

3. THE AUTHOR IS AGAIN PSEUDONYMOUS -- THIS TIME SHANG KUNG, WHO IN THE JULY 14, 1977 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND DUANGMING DAILY HAD AUTHORED AN EFFUSIVELY EULOGISTIC ARTICLE PRAISING PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING FOR HIS "GIGANTIC CONTRIBUTIONS" TO THE CHINESE REVOLUTION, FOR HIS SELFLESSNESS, FOR "ASSISTING CHAIRMAN HUA" TO SMASH THE GANG OF FOUR, AND FOR HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY POEM PUBLISHED ON THAT DATE. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT SHANG KUNG IS SQUARELY IN YEH CHIEN-YING'S CAMP.

4. SHANG KUNG DEFINES THE "EARTHQUAKE (OR TREMOR) FACTION" AS PERSONS LIKE MA TIEN-SHUI, YU HUI-YUNG, CHIH CHUN, CHANG TIEH-SHENG, WENG SEN-HO, AND CHEN A-TA (WHOSE MISDEEDS ARE CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED IN WIDELY CURCULATED INTERNAL PARTY DOCUMENTS, WHO CHARACTERISTICALLY "POINTED THE SPEARHEAD" AT UPPER LEVELS, "TOOK DISORDER AS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE KEY LINK," BANDED TOGETHER IN FACTIONS TO CARRY OUT THEIR CONSPIRACIES, AND BILLED THEMSELVES AS THE MOST "LEFT" AND THE MOST "REVOLUTIONARY" PERSONS IN CHINA. SHANG KUNG ACIDLY OBSERVES THAT SOME WERE MAKING "REVOLUTION" "FROM THE MOMENT THEY LEFT THEIR OTHER'S WOMB."

5. TAKING THE WARNING CUM CONCILIATION NOTE THAT WAS STRUCK IN THE TWO EARLIER PIECES (REF A), SHANG KUNG DECLARES THAT THE ONLY MEANS OF DEALING WITH SUCH PERSONS IS TO RETURN QUAKE FOR QUAKE, TREMOR FOR TREMOR. BUT HE ADDS CAREFULLY THAT ONE SHOULD ADOPT THE PRACTICE OF CURING THE ILLNESS TO SAVE THE PATIENT, NOT AIMING TO STRIKE THEM DOWN.

6. THE ARTICLE EXPLICITLY LINKS SUCH PERSONS WITH THE "SLIPPERY FACTION" TYPES ATTACKED IN THE SECOND ARTICLE IN THE SERIES, WARNING THAT IF ONE PERMITS THESE "EARTHQUAKE FACTION" PERSONAGES TO EAVDE CRITICISM AND EXPOSURE (TO "SLIP AND SLIDE AWAY") THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A DISSERVICE BOTH TO THEM AND TO THE PARTY. THEY WOULD DOUBTLESS HARBOR ILLUSIONS, CONCEAL THEMSELVES, AND PREPARE FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE "EARTHQUAKES" ONCE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.
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